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PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REVIEW STATEMENT

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On August 10, 2007, the examiner mailed a final office action rejecting all claims. On October 10, 2007, applicant appealed and requested pre-appeal brief review. Accordingly, the following Pre-Appeal Brief Review Statement is submitted.

PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REVIEW STATEMENT

Applicant presents for review the single issue of whether Bourke-Dunphy et al (US 6,918,112) and Zimniewicz (U.S. 6,744.450) disclose each and every limitation of the independent claims. Specifically, applicant disagrees with the examiner's interpretation of the cited references and the claims at issue because the claims are directed to reporting the status of software installation rather than the installation itself. Two limitations are presented for review:

- (1) "selecting a level of detail to be reported regarding the status of components being installed"; and
- (2) "recording a user's selected preference for a level of granularity in a log, and when the user participates in a subsequent installation, using the level in the log as a default level."

In regard to the term "level of granularity," construction of the term shows that it means the same as "requested amount of information." Applicant's specification states "[t]he installation agent of the present invention accesses the semantic model and, according to the user's input, displays the requested amount of information, that is the selected granularity, about the progress of the installation. (Paragraph [39] lines 5-8) It is the user's preference for the level of detail in reporting that is saved in a log.

The importance of distinguishing the degree of granularity is discussed in the patent specification. The distinction is important because it allows an inexperienced user to choose a high level of display, and an experienced user such as a system administrator "may choose the lowest level of display with the finest granularity such as files, libraries, and jar files."

(Specification [39] lines 8-11) It is the retention of the preference for the level of detail that is included in the claim limitation.

In regard to the first limitation, the examiner cited Zimniewicz, FIG. 4b, steps 140, "Display Scenario Selection Screen," 142 "Receive User Scenario Selection" and "related text." The related text states that "if there are two or more scenarios 138, the scenario selection screen is displayed 140, " "the screen displayed is the initial UI page specified in the scenario data field," and on "this page, users can choose 142 from a number of different pre-configured setups, or select Custom Scenario to completely customize the component or suite installation." (Zimniewicz, 10:48-55). The drawing and text selections do not disclose the first limitation (or the second). The set up is for software installation—not for reporting on the installation of software.

In regard to the second limitation, the examiner stated that Zimniewicz, 6:34-49 disclosed a "setup database file (setup.sdb)" which can be used to save configuration information." The examiner further referenced Zimniewicz, 7:27-29 quoting "[t]he UI Manager 91 may also display any customized pages identified in the setup.sdb file during the installation and setup of the suite." The examiner further stated: "[t]hus, it is clear that the customized page (user's selected preference) can be logged (setup.sdb) and used during installation. The examiner asserted that therefore, Zimniewicz, discloses the feature "user preference log." But the preference at issue is for the level of detail in reporting, not the installation itself.

In regard to the two portion of Zimniewicz cited by the examiner, neither disclose the limitations because they describe installation of software, not reporting on the installation of software.

The first portion of Zimneiwicz cited by the examiner states the following:

In accordance with the invention, a system and method are presented that allows the addition and customization of install actions definable by application components to be installed. Further, a new user interface (UI) is presented that allows a logical and easily understandable presentation of the current state and defined actions available and selected for an installation application. This system is embodied in a Suite Integration Toolkit (SIT) and utilizes a common architecture used for a setup database file (setup.sdf) to identify components and their available actions to be performed during the installation and setup thereof. SIT complements, but does not replace, existing installer technology. SIT works as an integration layer for disparate setups but does not perform core setup tasks such as file copy, registry operations, etc., although it may be expanded to do so. (6:34-49)

This portion of the reference deals with installation and not with reporting on the installation.

The second portion of Zimneiwicz cited by the examiner states the following:

The UI Manager 91 may also display any customized pages identified in the setup sdb file during the installation and setup of the suite. During this installation and setup, the SIT may utilize a Scenario Factory 95 to install only selected application programs or components from the suite as selected by a user or as preconfigured by the suite owner. (7:27-29)

The second portion of Zimneiwicz deals with scenarios for installation, and not for reporting on the installation.

Moreover, applicant submits that the examiner did not address the entire limitation. Applicant's limitation requires that the log (1) contain a "user's selected preference for a level of granularity," and (2) the level of granularity preferred by the user would be used as a default level if the user "participates in a subsequent installation." The examiner appears to equate the setup.sbd file with a "user preference log." But the claim limitation is directed to a preference for a level of detail in reporting on the installation of the software (in conjunction with other elements of the claim).

Therefore, applicant submits that Bourke-Dunphy and Zimiewicz together or independently do not disclose the entire limitations of the independent claims.

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